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Minutes of Directors' Meeting

The annual organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club headquarters in San Francisco, Saturday, May 1, 1943. Present were Directors Adams, Bernays, Colby, Crowe, Curtis, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, Jones, Kehrlein, Mauk, McDuffie, Parsons, Starr.

Mr. Starr called the meeting to order. The report of the Judges of Election was read, announcing that the following were elected on April 10, 1943, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Ansel Adams, Phil S. Bernays, William E. Colby, Harold E. Crowe, Leland Curtis, Glen Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Joel H. Hildebrand, Walter L. Huber, E. Stanley Jones, Oliver Kehrlein, Charlotte E. Mauk, Duncan McDuffie, Harriet T. Parsons, Walter A. Starr.

As officers for the ensuing year the following were elected: Duncan McDuffie, president, who thereupon took the chair; E. Stanley Jones, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Walter L. Huber, treasurer. Francis P. Farquhar was elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Joseph N. LeConte was re-elected honorary president. The following were re-elected honorary vice-presidents: Horace M. Albright, Newton B. Drury, Willis Linn Jepson, Francois E. Matthes, J. Horace McFarland, John C. Merriam, Marion R. Parsons, Robert G. Sproul, Ray Lyman Wilbur, William H. Wright.

The resignation of Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand, who is entering war work, was presented and his resignation was regretfully accepted.

Arthur H. Blake was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Hildebrand's resignation.

Additional honorary vice-presidents were elected, as follows: Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand and Dr. Don Tresidder.

Eleanor Layman and Cyrus C. Washburn, chairmen of the Loma Prieta and San Francisco Bay chapters, were present and reported briefly on chapter activities. The other chapter chairmen were unable to attend. A written report by Marion Jones, Acting Chairman of the Southern California Chapter, was read, accepted and placed on file.

Doris Leonard, Acting Chairman of the Visual Education Committee, reported on showings of the club's motion pictures, with special reference to use of the ski film by the mountain troops at Camp Hale, Colorado.

Two of the former directors now in the Service were present; Lewis F. Clark, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R., now stationed at Mare Island, and David R. Brower, Second Lieutenant in the Army. Both were called on by the directors. Mr. Clark, as chairman of the Lodge Committee, discussed the possibility of having custodians at the three small lodges this summer—LeConte, Parsons, Shasta. Both of them felt that the club means a great deal to the many members now in the Service of the United States and that they all will look forward to returning to club activities.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: The directors hereby send our greetings to our former directors now

in the Army and Navy: David R. Brower, Second Lieutenant, U. S. A.; Lewis Clark, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.; Richard M. Leonard, Captain, U. S. A.; Norman B. Livermore, Jr., Lieutenant (j. g.), U. S. N. R.; Bestor Robinson, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. A.; Francis D. Tappaan, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R. We wish them a speedy and victorious return to their former activities in the Sierra Club.

Major Owen A. Tomlinson, Regional Director of the National Park Service, and Ernest P. Leavitt, Superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, were elected honorary life members of the Sierra Club.

A motion was passed that the Sierra Club extend an invitation to members of other mountain clubs, now in the Service and stationed in or passing through California, to make use of our facilities and join in our activities.

Mr. Colby read several letters he had received from Frank A. Kittredge, Superintendent of Yosemite National Park. Mr. Kittredge expressed the hope that Parsons Lodge and the Soda Springs property at Tuolumne Meadows would be used as a base by club members who may find it possible to get into the mountains during the summer. He outlined a number of one, two and three-day trips that can be taken from the Meadows by hikers and knapsackers. He wrote that Ansel Adams has worked out a number of "off-trail" trips around Yosemite Valley which should prove of interest to many visitors who will be confined to the Valley itself this year by reason of the transportation situation. The Park Service will prepare a large scale enlargement of the Valley map, showing these routes, and will place one map in the Museum and another in the LeConte Memorial Lodge. Another suggestion made by Mr. Kittredge was that, in view of the curtailment of the Ranger Naturalist Service, qualified Sierra Club members might volunteer as leaders to guide parties on the seven-day loop trips around the High Sierra camps.

A motion was passed that the Board of Directors encourage the members of the Sierra Club to cooperate with the National Park Service in the effort to keep open the High Sierra camps in the national parks.

The directors were honored by the presence, during a portion of the meeting, of one of its honorary vice-presidents, Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service. Mr. Drury was accompanied by Major Owen A. Tomlinson, Regional Director, Mr. Frank A. Kittredge, Mr. E. T. Scoyen, and Colonel John R. White, superintendents of Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia national parks, respectively.

Herbert L. Breed, Chairman of the Outing Committee, attended a portion of the meeting and brought up the question as to whether or not the Outing Committee should attempt to organize any outing this summer, making the suggestion that a base camp trip might be operated at Merced Lake. After a general and thorough discussion, a motion was passed expressing disapproval of the idea of the club's sponsoring any outing into the mountains this year; that the Outing Committee be requested to render such assistance as it can to the various chapters in their efforts to organize harvest camps and thus assist in the harvesting of crops; and that the Lodge Committee and the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee be encouraged to keep the lodges open for summer use if they are able to secure the services of suitable custodians.

Richard N. Burnley, Acting Chairman of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee, was able to attend before the meeting adjourned and reported on an unexpectedly successful ski season at the lodge. In view of the favorable bank balance on hand as a result of the season's activities, he announced that the committee is repaying to the club its loan of $3000 together with interest. It is planned

to keep the lodge open during the entire year, if it is possible to secure a custodian who will be there at all times.

The officers were authorized to execute and file with the bank the necessary resolution authorizing the establishment of a ration bank account, which seemed desirable in connection with purchases of food supplies.

A resolution was adopted thanking the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee, Acting Chairman Burnley, and Custodian Haven Jorgensen, for their highly successful management of the lodge during the season just past.

Mr. Farquhar reported that there is an opportunity to purchase some of John Muir's important letters to Robert Underwood Johnson bearing on the creation of the Yosemite National Park, and that he has a gift to be used toward such purchase, which he thought might be sufficient. Dr. Crowe generously offered to contribute an additional amount if needed to complete the purchase.

Francis P. Farquhar was appointed Editor of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, and Harriet T. Parsons, Associate Editor. Editor Farquhar was authorized to select his other assistants.

WM. E. COLBY, *Secretary*.

Mutual Hospitality

Recently the Sierra Club has received letters from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the Mountain Club of Maryland. These organizations have offered their hospitality to any Sierra Club members in the vicinity, hoping they will make themselves known to the clubs and find time to avail themselves of the recreation facilities and take part in the various activities.

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club has its office at 808 17th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., which is open each week night, Monday through Friday, from seven to nine. The Mountain Club of Maryland is located at 127 East North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, and its office is open every Wednesday evening from seven-thirty to ten. Sierra Club membership cards or some identification showing one's affiliation with the Sierra Club should be presented.

The Sierra Club appreciates very much this offer in behalf of its members, and in turn welcomes any fellow outdoor club member who is now in this region. It is hoped, especially, that Service men and women, or those stationed here in other war or government business, will be able to join in Sierra Club activities, and feel that they are welcome.

What Shall We Do This Summer?

With summer just around the corner, nebulous vacation plans are crystallizing. As everyone knows, vacations this year are important and recommended, in spite of the prevailing difficulties; but because of these difficulties, they remain a question in the minds of many.

The directors of the Sierra Club, at the meeting on May 1, decided against any High Trip or Sierra Base Camp, as impractical and unsuitable. However, there are many possibilities, and a great variety of summer activities can be suggested.

Harvesting: As noted in the minutes of the directors' meeting, the directors fully approved that harvest camps should be established by each chapter, with the aid and assistance of the Outing Committee. Each locality has its own problem, and it can best be organized by the chapter in that region. The tentative plans for the Sierra Club camp in Napa County, as announced in the Febru-

ary "bimonthly," are as yet not definite enough for further discussion here. The committee is at work on the project, and detailed arrangements will be made public as soon as possible. The dates still hold, however—August 15 to October 15.

Our Own Lodges: The various lodges will probably be open this summer, if all goes well, and custodians are available. It is hoped that Clair Tappaan Lodge will have one, and that many persons will have the opportunity to find out what a lovely place it is in summer.

Yosemite Park is anxious that Parsons Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows be kept open; and it will be if a caretaker can be found.

In the southern mountains, Harwood Lodge, Keller Peak and San Antonio ski huts offer pleasant summer possibilities.

The National Parks: All the National Parks will be open for visitors as usual, although the personnel will be curtailed. Food and lodging will be available for whoever can get there.

The High Camps in Yosemite: It is expected that the High Camps will be open as usual. They are, however, short-handed as everyone is and there will be no guides to conduct parties on the seven-day trip around the loop. Superintendent Frank Kittredge of Yosemite Park has suggested that any qualified persons who know the trail might be interested in leading trips to the High Camps. Many members of the Sierra Club would no doubt be competent and glad to do this and, if interested, should write Superintendent Kittredge.

Pack Trips: Packers will be ready as always to take parties out of the more populated areas into the higher country.

Forest Fire Fighters: We would remind you also of the "Triple-FS" as described by Arthur Blake in the February *Bulletin*. Anyone who is interested can obtain further information through Assistant Regional Forester W. I. Hutchinson, State Coordinator.

Independent Trips: It has been pointed out that the Sierra Club has sponsored so many experience trips in the mountains, such as the burro trips and the knapsack trips, that there should be a great many members now fully able to go out on their own. This is the year to profit by the knowledge gained on those other summers. Just find some congenial souls, use your ingenuity in planning the food, hoist pack on back or burro, and set forth. You will be able to help win the war better when you return.

Have You Any of These?

The Library Committee is about to bind chapter local walks schedules and has been unable to locate certain missing numbers. The following list of missing schedules is published, in the hope that some club member has been collecting schedules and will consider breaking his set in order to complete the club's set for binding:

San Francisco Bay Chapter, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 24, 28, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42.

Southern California Chapter, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 28, 32, 42.

Loma Prieta Chapter, 1, 28.

Exhibit. North American Wild Flowers, by Mary Vaux Walcott, will be on exhibition at the club rooms during May and June. The prints have been lent by the California Academy of Sciences and Miss Alice Eastwood, through the courtesy of John Thomas Howell.

Supplementary Service List: To be included in August Bulletin.

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